

VISITS IN UNIFORM BY MEMBERS OF DEFENSE FORCES

Exchange of notes at Ottawa May 17 and 29, 1940, amending agreement of March 7, April 5, and June 22, 1939

Entered into force May 29, 1940

*Superseded September 11, 1941, by agreement of August 28 and September 4, 1941*¹

55 Stat. 1552; Executive Agreement Series 233

The Canadian Minister to the Secretary of State

No. 137

MAY 17, 1940

His Majesty's Minister for Canada presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to refer to the Arrangement arrived at between Canada and the United States regarding visits in uniform by members of defense forces, effected by exchange of notes dated March 7th, April 5th and June 22nd, 1939.²

The effect of the Arrangement which came into force on July 1st, 1939, is that an individual uniformed member of the United States forces may enter Canada (and vice versa) if he produces a written pass from his Commanding Officer, the pass to show the dates of the commencement and termination of the visit.

While there has been no correspondence on the subject, it is presumed that the United States Government would now consider that the Arrangement lapsed upon Canada's entry into the war. However, even if the Arrangement has lapsed, the Canadian Government will be glad to continue to observe its terms so far as visits of the United States forces to Canada are concerned.

In transmitting the attitude of the Canadian Government Mr. Christie desires to state that it would be appreciated if in due course the Legation might be informed whether the United States Government has any objection to the continuance of the pre-war régime governing such visits to Canada.

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¹ EAS 233, *post*, p. 231.

² EAS 157, *ante*, p. 157.

The Secretary of State to the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Canada and refers to the Minister's note no. 137 of May 17, 1940 regarding the arrangement between the United States of America and Canada for visits in uniform by members of defense forces which was effected by an exchange of notes dated March 7, April 5 and June 22, 1939.

The United States Government considers that the arrangement is still in force and will be glad to continue to observe its terms so far as visits of the United States forces to Canada are concerned. However, in view of the changed situation the United States Government assumes that members of the armed forces of Canada will not come to the United States on any military mission, and it is hoped that so far as may be feasible members of the armed forces of Canada will not visit the United States in uniform.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, May 29, 1940

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